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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE RESPONSE ON EMBARGO EXTENSION

1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER TRAN VAN LAM CAME TO EMBASSY
AT 1430 PARIS TIME SEPTEMBER 8 TO PRESENT FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM HANOI.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST RE-
PUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS RECEIVED THE VERBAL
MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 1978. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT CONSI-
DERS THAT THE UPCOMING MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN VICE
FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE HOLBROOKE WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE
IN FURTHERING THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND HOPES THAT THIS MEETING
WILL BRING FORTH CONCRETE RESULTS IN KEEPING WITH THE IN-
TERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES AND IN FURTHERING PEACE AND
STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM
IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL DELEGA-
TIONS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM
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MUST STATE CLEARLY THAT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE EMBARGO WITH RESPECT
TO VIETNAM RUNS COUNTER TO THE GOOD WILL OF THE VIETNA-
MESE SIDE TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM CONSIDERS THAT IT
IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO LIFT THIS EM-
BARGO AT THE SOONEST TIME POSSIBLE. END MESSAGE.

3. LAM SAID MESSAGE WAS DATED 5 SEPT. IN HANOI BUT THAT
BECAUSE OF "DIFFICULT COMMUNICATIONS" IT HAD NOT BEEN
RECEIVED IN PARIS UNTIL LATE ON THE 6TH.
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